

**Virginia Regiment Officers to George Washington,
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FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE VIRGINIA REGIMENT.

June 19, 1757

SIR

We understand that Mr. Atkins has either complained or intends to complain to you that we had the Insolence to desire one of the Cherokee Warriours with the french Prisoner to come & drink a Glass of Wine with us, if it is so, we shou'd be very much obliged to you if you wou'd inform that Gentleman that as our Officers & Men risk'd their Lives in taking of the Prisoner we are entitled to speak to him when we please, Mr. Baker in particular imagines that without any Offence to Mr. Atkins he may take that Liberty, & we apprehend that whatever command he may have over the Indians he can have none over us—We can't help observing that from the former Behaviour of Mr. Atkins that imagin'd he had been better acquainted with the Rules of good Manners than to send such a Message to Gentlemen who from their Station in Life their Births & Education ought to be treated with Respect—We are with great Esteem —

Sir Your most Obedient Servts.

THOS WAGGENER *and all the officers*¹

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We are likewise inform'd that Mr. Atkins said that neither you nor any of us had a Right to speak to the Prisoner until he had done with him —

1 The original is in Captain Waggener's handwriting, and is signed by him in this manner.